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LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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WANTED.

Wanted—A girl to do light housework. A. Jenkins, Westfield. 14-24k

Wanted—An apprentice to learn the shoe trade. Bassett & Pudgey, Burlington. 10-11

Wanted—Calves, hogs, wood and maple for sale at stock yard at No. 6, E. Winslow, Barton. 15-17

Wanted—Live stock, maple sugar and taken every Monday. Telephone in G. S. Dodge, Barton Landing. 15-1

Wanted—Once by A. L. Foster Co., Conn., several desirable young men appearance and good family—earn clothing business. 14-24k

Wanted—Clapboards, lathe, brick, roof, dimension and matched lumber, windows, blinds and mouldings. Boards wanted. C. W. Tenney. 15-16

Wanted—Will pay highest price for sugar and syrup in unlimited quantity, furnished for syrup; will pay any day. Next door north Bank Barton, April 2, 1906. N. M. Scott. 14-11

TO RENT.

House—House. Enquire of Dr. Busby, Barton. 15-1

House—A small pleasant tenement, rent \$2.00. D. Owen. 14-1

House—A room cottage for sale on the lot of Willoughby Lake near the church, of H. H. Twombly, Barton Landing. 14-3w

FOR SALE.

SALE—Pigs and shoats. Telephone section. H. A. Fay, Irasburg. 15-23

SALE—At Glover Creamery, 60 pound tubs. Hold about 80 pounds of milk. Price 20c. 14-15

SALE—Full blood Jersey bull, also a number wagon. A. S. Hardy, Barton. 15-15

SALE—Walton's Vermont Register 1906. Better than ever before. By mail at Monitor office 25 cents. 14-15

SALE—16 full blood, White Chester Will be four weeks old April 14. Phone. A. F. Hinkley, Westfield. 14-15

SALE—On easy terms—60 acres of new land, one mile from Barton village. Like horses, sheep, or young stock. No barbed wire. Geo. H. S. Barton. 14-11

MISCELLANEOUS.

ORDER STAMPS of all kinds. Apply to Currier, Monitor office, Barton, Vt. 6-1

All further notices my office will be sent every Saturday. J. A. Pearson, Barton. 15-11

Inner, French & Co., have for sale at Barton Landing two cars of heavy horses their Maine lumber woods. 15-1w

E. Liddell, house, sign and carriage. Shop at rear of residence, Water Barton. Will take quantity of dry in exchange for work. 1-11

Announces our Easter opening of goods and Summer Millinery for Friday Saturday, April 13 and 14. All are ally invited. G. M. Cutting & Co., Barton. 14-1w

Will do carriage painting at the Winget House painting by the yard or by the hour, painting and tinting. E. D. Stafford, Barton. 15-1w

Section sale of cows at Nelson Stevens' farm, Glover, Vt., Friday April 13, at 1 o'clock p. m. 20 choice cows, new milk springs; 10 2-year-old heifers, all in milk in the spring. They are an excellent lot of young cows. See bills. Winslow & Co. 15-1w

The present edition of the "Crystal Lake Book" being nearly exhausted, the index, all of which are in board form, will be for sale at the reduced price of 50c, at the homes of, or sent pre-paid on receipt of price by addressing J. F. Batchelder, Mrs. H. J. Stannard, O. E. Cowles. 15-11

Attention—I have several appointments to show farms to parties from the side of the state as soon as the weather and roads permit. These parties are sure to pick up the best bargains in the state. If you want a chance at them speak to me. I have the best farm bargains in the state. Colby Stoddard, Barton, Vt. Bank Block. 14-15

REMEMBER, ATTENTION—Will pay for one straight suck calves, weighing from 50 to 225 pounds, 5 cents per pound, every day, and more if market will afford during the summer. My market calls for better calves than I have been buying. I have to buy at higher prices. Now, let me see some good No. 1 calves and I will be satisfied with the price, and will not have to "phone me or require you are to get for them. I will pay for calves for maple sugar and wool. Winslow, Barton. 15-15

BARTON.

Mr. Martin appears to be improving. Gene Glazier was home from South Barton over Sunday.

B. Blake is doing some repairing on interior of his house.

Miss Lark Jenks of North Troy is working for Mrs. Geo. Goodro.

C. Casavant has hired to H. A. Folsom work in his meat market.

Alter Scott of Albany has been visiting in town for a few days.

W. Hodgman of Lowell is the guest of W. A. Warner for a few days.

L. Taylor was laid up some days last week with blood poison in his hand.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baldwin are spending days visiting friends at Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dummett have gone to Waterbury where Mr. Dummett has a job.

Mr. Grow was in Coventry helping his father, Mr. Wells, sugar several days recently.

W. C. T. U. is invited to meet with Harlow Foss tomorrow, Tuesday, at 8.

A. L. Gleason has been working for E. C. Elliott doing wagon painting during the winter.

H. L. Malloy of Manchester, N. H., spent several days visiting at L. J. Freeman's recently.

Mrs. Charles Perkins of Barton Landing recently stopped at the Cong. parsonage a few days.

Myron Joslyn of Boston was in town last week on account of his sister Helen's sickness.

Miss Mathew Henry of Manchester, N. H., has been visiting at Mrs. A. C. Austin's a few days.

There will be a regular meeting of Quinby Post Wednesday, May 11, at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Mary C. McGaffey of Lawrence, Mass., is a guest at the home of Mrs. Martha Nelson.

N. D. Martin has sold his dwelling house and barn near the Congregational church to H. R. Cutler.

A. D. Hopkins of Bethel was in town last Saturday visiting the granite quarries east of this village.

Mrs. Geo. Parker and son of Montreal were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morse several days recently.

W. T. White, who got his hip badly hurt five weeks ago, is so as to be about again, though very lame.

The Hebekahs will serve new sugar from 6 to 7:30 o'clock in Odd Fellows hall Wednesday evening.

Mrs. George H. Gorham attended the funeral of a relative, Mrs. Humphrey, at Lyndonville last week.

Nathaniel Weed of Hartland was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. L. M. Hubbard, several days last week.

Mrs. C. W. Staples and her two children spent several days here recently visiting her father, Dana Cook.

Mrs. J. P. Baldwin has been spending some days here recently, caring for her sister, Mrs. Eliza Foster.

Homer Chaplin has gone to South Barton, where he is employed as cook for the Willoughby Wood & Lumber Co.

Will White sold his span of brown work mares last week to Mr. Darling of West Burke for \$475.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Darling of Lyndonville spent several days here looking after their real estate last week.

Rev. Clark Buswell of Littleton, N. H., is visiting his brother, C. E. Buswell, and other friends in this vicinity.

Special Convocation of Keystone Chapter No. 16, R. A. M., Thursday evening, April 12. Work on R. A. degree.

Regular and annual meeting for election of Orient Chapter No. 13, O. E. S., Friday evening, April 13th, at 7:30 sharp.

The Afternoon Study club will meet with Mrs. H. T. Seaver at Hotel Barton Thursday, April 12th, at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Frank Wells, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucy Brown, has returned to her home at Clinton, Mass.

The time for receiving charter members of the I. O. F. has been extended to the evening of April 20, the regular meeting.

Mrs. F. D. Williamson has been visiting her son at Plymouth, N. H., and her daughters at Concord and Woodsville, N. H.

Miss Dorothy Joslyn of Burlington is here to spend some time with her aunt, Miss Helen Joslyn, who remains critically ill.

Mrs. Holtham and daughter, Miss Jennie, have left their former home on Park street and gone to their new home at Barton Landing.

Lorenzo Chandler has bought the Samuel Drew place of the E. L. Chandler Co. The company reserves the right to the timber on the farm.

Mrs. Edith Dewey Jones of Newtonville, Mass., is here with her two daughters, Catherine and Hilda, to visit her mother, Mrs. Dewey.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Taylor were called to Irasburg last Tuesday, to attend the funeral of Mr. Taylor's niece, the little daughter of George Bess.

Those young chaps, who are cutting clothes lines and defacing private property, better watch out or they will be candidates for the reform school.

There will be roller skating in Seaver's hall Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening. Music by the band Saturday evening.

H. A. Glazier went to Wells River to attend the funeral of an aunt recently and made a visit at his brother's in Lisbon, N. H., before returning home.

Mrs. G. C. Lang went to Tilton, N. H., recently and was summoned from there to Northfield, as her father, Dr. Clayton of that place, had another shock of paralysis.

Mrs. H. G. Ely and her daughter, Mary of St. Johnsbury have been stopping at Hotel Barton for a week. Mrs. H. V. Jones and her two children are stopping at the same house.

Patrick Rowen of Concord Junction, Mass., is stopping with his son John at Hotel Barton. Mr. Rowen is in poor health and hopes Vermont air may be beneficial.

The Crystal Lake House is undergoing a thorough overhauling. Painting, building over the furnace and much other work is being done to put the house in first-class order.

L. M. Hubbard has the town books and records moved to the new quarters in the Bank block and has established hours

from 9 to 12 o'clock a. m. and from 1:30 to 4 o'clock p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilman have been entertaining a brother and sister from Cleveland, Ohio, also a sister and little daughter from Glens Falls, N. Y., during the past week.

The teachers of the village school and about fifty of the pupils were invited to a sugar party at F. H. Foster's last Friday night. It was a gay and happy crowd and a "sweet" time was enjoyed.

Ether Brunning entertained ten of her schoolmates in honor of her sixth birthday on Saturday, April 7th, and the children enjoyed the party. Her little cousin, Hattie Walker, of Glover was present.

Mrs. M. L. Haworth and niece, Miss Mary Snow, from Lowell, Mass., are spending a week at Hotel Barton. Mrs. Haworth has lately returned from an extended trip through the western states.

Miss Grace Cutting has had her millinery rooms repainted and some other changes made. Also some fine grill work about the big show window, and other improvements which give the store a very pretty appearance.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the post-office April 9. Please say advertised when calling for these letters: Mr. J. Hoffman, 2, Mrs. Nelson Hardy, Mrs. Sam Neeller, Caleb A. Pillsbury, Mrs. Josephine Pickens, Mrs. M. Ronald, Mrs. Ella Stevens.

Mr. W. M. O'Brien and son and Mr. John McKelvey of New York City are at Hotel Barton for a few days' stay. These gentlemen, who have traveled extensively both in foreign countries and the United States, express themselves as being much pleased with our village and especially with our hotel.

The I. O. O. F. and the D. of R. to the number of about twenty-five spent the evening of April 5 with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Berry at their residence at South Barton. This was the twenty-seventh anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Berry's wedding. Light refreshments were served, games played and a good social time enjoyed.

News has been received that Mrs. J. G. Hall, who went to California last fall, and was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Julia Clement, at Inglewood, broke her hip on Thursday, March 29. Mrs. Hall is a lady about eighty-eight years old, who has heart trouble, and her friends are solicitous about her surviving the shock.

Hon. M. S. Stone, state superintendent of education, has consented to come to Barton and deliver his lecture on "China and the Chinese" and will be here on April 18. More extended notice will be given next week. Mr. Stone has many warm personal friends in Barton who will be glad to see him and to hear him speak on this subject.

Glen Mears received a message last night announcing the death, in Boston, of his mother, Mrs. A. W. Mears. Mrs. Mears went to Boston last Thursday to have a surgical operation performed, and although particulars have not been received it is supposed that she died from the effects of the operation yesterday. The remains were taken to St. Johnsbury this morning.

Orleans Lodge, No. 55, elected and installed the following officers Friday evening: E. H. Glazier, W. M.; C. S. Webster, S. W.; C. A. Barrows, J. W.; Harlow Foss, Treas.; O. V. Joslyn, Sec.; C. H. Blood, S. D.; F. D. Pierce, J. D.; J. H. Hoyt, S. S.; F. B. Tower, J. S.; W. C. Johnson, Chap.; W. W. Hartwell, Mar.; H. G. Perley, pianist; F. G. Burdick, tiler.

Principal H. J. Stannard has secured from Boston a set of 106 colored lantern slides illustrative of Yellowstone Park and will show them to the pupils and others who may wish to see them at the school building on Wednesday evening of this week at 7:45. We have had the privilege of looking over these pictures and they are well worth the seeing, in fact they are very fine. Mr. Stannard will give a talk descriptive of the Park.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jenness and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Murkland have arrived home from California after their stay in Pasadena and other towns in that state. All report a pleasant winter but come home content with Vermont and Barton as a residence state and town. Miss Nettie Campbell, who went to California with W. L. Jacobs' family, has arrived here, called by the illness of her brother Nelson, who returned from the West last winter. They report having seen a large number of Vermonters during the winter and many from this section of Vermont.

A Court of the Independent Order of Foresters was organized at Odd Fellows' hall on Friday evening of last week with about twenty charter members. The following officers were chosen: H. J. Stannard, C. D.; F. R. Hastings, C. P.; W. R.; Aldrich, J. P. C. R.; L. M. Hubbard, C. R.; George Goodro, V. C. R.; B. Sheldon, R. Sec.; H. D. Phillips, F. Sec.; F. H. Pillsbury, Treas.; G. Hinton, C.; W. Goodro, S. W.; H. Rushford, J. W.; D. I. Grapes, S. E.; A. G. Gilbert, J. B.; H. D. Phillips, W. R. Aldrich and A. C. White, trustees. S. W. Armstrong of Richmond, Vt. H. C. R. was present and in charge.

At the annual meeting of Keystone Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M., Apr. 24 the following officers were elected and installed: Charles A. Barrows, E. high priest; Eugene H. Glazier, king; James G. Turnbull, George A. Katen, treasurer; Josiah A. Pearson, secretary; Charles H. Blood, captain of the host; John H. Hoyt, prin. s. journeyer; Earl R. Jenness, royal arch captain; Fred D. Pierce, master 3d veil; Charles E. Hamblet, master 2d veil; Will A. Royston, master 1st veil; Rev. William

C. Johnson, chaplain; Geo. H. Davis, steward; Harley T. Scaver, steward; Henry C. Gay, tiler.

Methodist Church Notes.

Union prayer meeting at 7:30 Thursday evening in the vestry.

There was a large crowd at the Odd Girls' supper last Friday evening.

Epworth League tomorrow, Tuesday, evening. Leader, Arthur Brown.

An Easter concert will be held by the Sunday school next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Presiding Elder F. W. Lewis of St. Johnsbury preached at the service last evening.

Rev. Mr. Johnson preaches his last sermon in this year's appointment next Sunday. It is expected that Mr. Johnson will return for his seventh year here.

Congregational Church Notes.

There will be no Christian Endeavor meeting next Sunday evening.

Rev. Mr. Blake will have a special Easter sermon Sunday morning, and the choir will furnish appropriate music.

The sugar supper at the church Friday evening was well attended and netted the Ladies' society a snug sum of money.

The choir and Sunday-school will give their Easter concert Sunday evening, Apr. 15, at 7 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society will hold a Thank-offering service in the church parlor on Good Friday, Apr. 13, at 3 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

St. Paul's Church Notes.

Saturday at 8:00 a. m. there will be the first mass of Easter.

Yesterday was Palm Sunday and the beginning of the Holy Week.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday will be fast days for the closing week of Lent.

Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting. The sermon will be upon "The Last Days of Christ."

Good Friday, service at 9:00 a. m. Sermon, "The Dying Christ." 3:00 p. m., stations of the cross. 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

Thursday morning there will be mass at 9:00 o'clock, procession and sermon upon "Judas the Traitor." At 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting. Sermon, "The Last Supper."

Easter Sunday there will be high mass at 10:00 a. m. Sermon, "This is the day which the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice therein." Psalms 118: verse 24. An Easter collection will be taken.

BARTON LANDING.

H. B. Smith is painting and slicking up his meat market.

P. F. Baraw has gone to work in the repair shops painting cars.

The Rathbone Sisters hold their regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Robert Murray has moved into one of Charles Skinner's tenements.

C. McMullen has moved his family into one of Taplin & Rowell's tenements.

E. J. Allen got his hand hurt quite badly while drawing logs into the saw mill last week.

Mrs. Bert Campbell of Lyndonville was the guest of her brother, F. C. Sherburne last Friday.

C. E. Rogers has returned from California and is the guest of his brother, Jess Rogers.

Mrs. M. A. Parker, who has been visiting friends in Boston for some time, returned home last week.

The Tripp brothers will start a hack to carry people to and from the station and anywhere in the village this week.

W. B. Bowman has had his barber shop newly painted and papered and fixed up generally preparatory to doing business.

Misses Bassett & Pudvah have returned from Boston and will hold their millinery opening Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14.

Miss J. A. Colton of Boston has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. D. Colton and her brother, J. B. Colton of this place recently.

Mrs. E. G. Stevens was called to Natik, Mass., last Thursday on account of the sickness of her daughter, Mrs. L. D. Woods.

J. G. Turnbull has bought J. C. Clough's farm of eighty acres, near land which Mr. Turnbull owns. It is located on the west side of the B. & M. railroad.

The Free Masons Valley Lodge hold their annual meeting next Thursday evening. It being election of officers all members are requested to be present.

Oscar Gibb is home from Dartmouth college for a short vacation. Roy and Ray Skinner and Earle Ordway are home from Vermont University for their vacation.

John Goodemast, who has made his home in Milwaukee, Wis., for the last year has returned here and will find employment in the E. L. Chandler & Co. mills.

The Geo. G. Sheade Post will hold their next meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, at 10 a. m. The W. R. C. will furnish dinner, after which a memorial service will be held in memory of Hon. A. D. Mathews.

The Village Improvement Society will hold their annual meeting for the election of officers on Wednesday, April 11, at 3 p. m. at the home of the president, Mrs. J. H. Brown. All members are requested to be present.

F. H. Skinner, who has been in poor health for the last three years, died at his home in this village on Saturday the 31st

ult. Mr. Skinner was born in Sutter, Mass., on the 26th day of June 1836. He came to Lowell when a small boy and lived in that town for about fifty-one years. He was a man much esteemed as a citizen and held almost all the responsible town offices during his living there. In 1882 and again in 1884 he represented the town in the state legislature; and later was door keeper of the senate for two terms. Forty-seven years ago March 20, he married Miss Laura J. Parker of Lowell. He was a very prominent member of the Congregational church for about forty-five years, being elected deacon, which office he held in the Lowell church for many years, and was also elected deacon after uniting with the Congregational church here. Mr. Skinner moved from Lowell to Brownington about fourteen years ago, and came to this village something over a year ago. He was an excellent citizen, had the confidence of his townsmen, was interested in public affairs, faithful in the many offices he held, and a most useful member of society. He leaves his wife, his son Charles G., with whom he lived, and his son G. S. Skinner of Manchester, N. H., beside many friends and more distant relatives to mourn his loss. Services were held on Monday at the house, Rev. G. L. Shaffer and Rev. Mr. Ross officiating. The body was taken to Lowell and funeral services were held at that place Rev. J. K. Fuller of Johnson preaching the sermon. The interment was in the Skinner lot in the cemetery at that place.

Congregational Church Notes.

The sugar social and festival at the Congregational church last Thursday evening was a success. A good number attended. The gentlemen served both sugar and supper creditably.

Methodist Church Notes.

The Women's Home Missionary society will meet with Mrs. S. E. Willey, Wednesday at 2:30 p. m.

Thursday evening the Junior League will hold a penny social. All children of the congregation are invited.

Thursday the Ladies' Aid society will meet in the church. Supper will be served from 5 o'clock until all are served.

Next Sunday will close the conference year. The pastor, Rev. S. G. Lewis has been here five years. It is not certain that he will return for another year.

Next Sunday morning Easter sermon and Easter music. In the evening service the pastor will be assisted by the Junior League. The children will sing several Easter songs.

The ladies of the Women's Foreign Missionary society have been asked to observe Friday, April 13, as a day for fasting and prayer. The ladies will meet for a service at 5 o'clock p. m. at the church. All ladies of the congregation are invited to meet with them.

SOUTH BARTON.

About forty Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and friends called on Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Berry Thursday evening to remind them of their twenty-seventh marriage anniversary. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by all. In behalf of the members Mrs. Reiden, vice grand of Sunbeam Lodge, presented them with a fine oak rocker.

ALBANY.

Henry Stone has gone to Despatch, N. Y., where he expects to find employment.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Pierce were in Barton Landing last Monday, to attend the funeral of Frank Skinner.

Alex Frasier suffered a stroke of paralysis last Tuesday morning. As he is an aged man it is feared he will not recover.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church will serve plain doughnuts and warm sugar at the vestry, Tuesday evening, April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chase and daughter of Springfield, Mass., are in town on account of the illness of Mrs. Chase's father, Alex Frasier.

Mrs. W. R. Barnes of Orford, N. H., and Mrs. E. H. Bushnell of Quincy, Mass., were here last week to attend the funeral of their father, Stephen Vance.

With the passing of Stephen Vance, a time honored citizen of Albany has gone to his reward. He has been failing in health for more than a year, and passed away at the home of his son, Monday, April 2, at 7 o'clock a. m. He has been tenderly cared for by his two daughters, Mrs. Helen Campbell and Mrs. Fred Newton for over a year, but about ten days ago they took him back to "the old home."

Mr. Vance was born in Groton, Aug. 12, 1822, the son of David and Olive Vance. He married Maria Hall, daughter of Judge Isaac N. Hall of Groton, fifty-six years ago, and they came to Albany to make their home soon after, living all these years on the same farm. They had a family of eight daughters and one son, Albert, who is the leader of the Albany band. Mr. Vance was a man of sterling qualities, honest to the core, upright in all his dealings with men, a strong leader in the Methodist church, but devoted to his home, retiring in manner, never desiring publicity. His wife died in April 1894, and he had buried three daughters, Clara, who was a teacher in Montpelier seminary, Nellie and Cora. He leaves to mourn the father, Olive, (Mrs. Dr. Barnes of Orford, N. H.) Helen, (widow of Dr. J. C. Campbell), Josephine, (Mrs. Dr. Bushnell of Quincy, Mass.), Luella, Albert, and Edith, (Mrs. Fred Newton) who reside in Albany. He also leaves seven grandchildren. One sister and three brothers, all of whom reside in the West, are the only ones remaining of a family of twelve children. The children were all

here to assist in the last rites. Funeral was held at the house Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Howard officiating. A quartet sang "Asleep in Jesus" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." R. M. Cowles had charge and the bearers were the long-time neighbors J. A. Brown, Waldo Lamphere, James McGuire and Rufus Miles. The flowers were appropriate for one who had lived his four score and more. Burial in the village cemetery.

We wish in this way to express our hearty appreciation of the many kindnesses shown us in our recent bereavement in the death of our father. Especially would we thank the singers and bearers, and all those who so kindly sent flowers.

A. N. VANCE AND FAMILY,
F. J. NEWTON AND FAMILY,
MRS. OLIVE V. BARNES,
MRS. HELEN M. CAMPBELL,
MRS. JOSIE H. BUSHNELL.

BROWNINGTON CENTER.

John Putney will now board with his sister, Mrs. James Grant.

Roy Cheney entertained a friend from St. Johnsbury over Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Wood has returned from a month's visit at Montpelier.

Sadie Putney is stopping with Mrs. Jennie Emerson at Barton Landing.

The school board have appointed Mrs. Marion Tinkham superintendent of schools for the ensuing year.